



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1, 2010

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good with 90 percent of the third cutting complete and 48 percent of the fourth cutting complete. Corn conditions were mostly good, with 81 percent silked and 14 percent dough. Cotton conditions were mostly fair to good with 75 percent squaring and 44 percent setting bolls. Irrigated sorghum conditions were mostly good with 15 percent headed. Dry sorghum conditions were mostly fair with 12 percent headed. Apple conditions were mostly good. Chile conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 10 percent light pod set, 71 percent average pod set, 19 percent heavy pod set and 4 percent harvested. Onions were 90 percent harvested. Peanut conditions were mostly good with 60 percent pegging. Pecan conditions were mostly good.

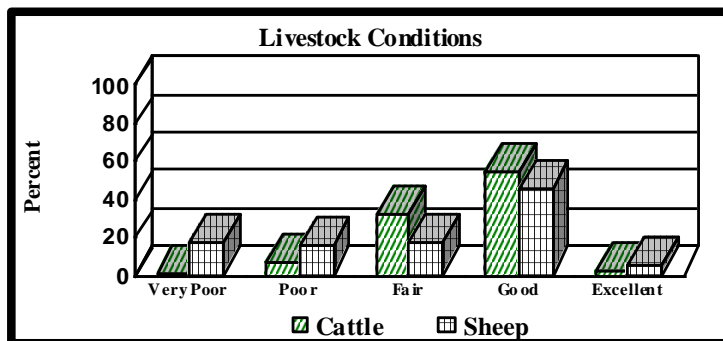
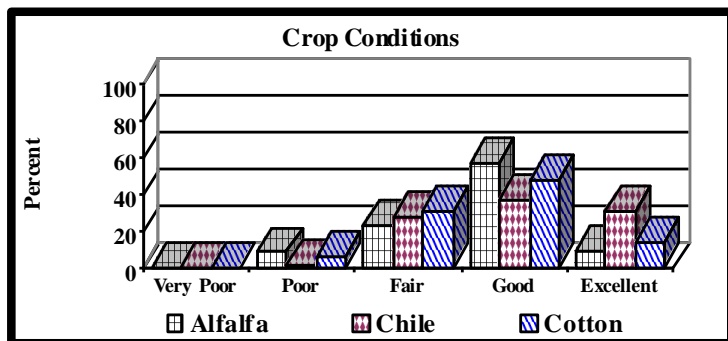
Cattle conditions were mostly good. Sheep conditions ranged from very poor to good. Range and pasture conditions ranged from poor to good. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 5 percent very short, 26 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Wind damage was 14 percent light and 2 percent moderate with 4 percent cotton damaged by wind to date and 3 percent sorghum damaged by wind to date. No hail damage was reported this week with 3 percent cotton damaged by hail to date, 3 percent corn damaged by hail to date, 3 percent sorghum damaged by hail to date, and 1 percent peanut damaged by hail to date.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	3 rd Cutting	90	78	79	84
Alfalfa	4 th Cutting	48	21	27	35
Chile	Harvested	4	3	19	10
Corn	Silked	81	63	78	74
Corn	Dough	14	8	21	22
Cotton	Squaring	75	61	97	95
Cotton	Set bolls	44	20	50	64
Onion	Harvested	90	89	91	96
Peanut	Pegging	60	55	61	74
Sorghum	Headed	13	5	18	19

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	8	22	66	3
Chile	1	2	28	38	31
Corn	---	1	14	80	5
Cotton	---	6	31	48	15
Peanut	---	---	21	79	---
Pecans	---	---	3	58	39
Sorghum	---	1	42	56	1
Cattle	1	7	26	64	2
Sheep	17	16	17	45	5



County Reporter Comments:

Catron/Socorro Rains were received in Catron and Socorro counties. Some hay was rained on and some fields were too muddy to work in for 1 day. Many ranches showed much improved grass and cattle were greatly improving. **Harding** Since release of Arch Hurley Irrigation District water was late for this year, alfalfa producers are just now finished with the 1st cutting and watering for the second. **Quay** Some rainfall this week ranged from .70 to 1.30 inches of rain. The showers were very spotty and some areas didn't see any rainfall. Some hot days ranged in the high 90s and 100s. The evenings cooled off with thunderstorms. First part of the week

also saw rain fall, ranging from 1.0 to 1.5 inches. Most crops were fair to good. **San Juan** Some significant precipitation was received in the last week. Four plus inches were reported up North last week. The rain has been very good for cattle and grass conditions, not so good for hay farmers trying to get second cutting up. There will be lots of cow hay this second cutting. **Santa Fe** Isolated rain showers were received throughout the course of the week across the county. Insect activity continued to be low. Range conditions were beginning to improve some.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	14	24	58	4
Northeast	3	42	55	---
Southwest	4	29	58	9
Southeast	---	16	80	4
State Current	5	26	64	5
State-Last Week	14	24	52	10
State-Last Year	16	32	49	3
State-5-Yr Avg.	15	37	44	4

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	21	25	35	18	1
Northeast	2	10	37	51	---
Southwest	6	14	36	43	1
Southeast	---	4	31	47	18
State Current	7	12	34	40	7
State-Last Week	6	18	37	32	7
State-Last Year	10	25	44	19	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	9	24	39	24	4

WEATHER SUMMARY

Scattered afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms continued across New Mexico. Significant rainfall amounts were

reported in many areas of the state. The largest amounts were generally along and west of the central mountain chain.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – JULY 26 – AUGUST 1, 2010

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	<u>Week</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Accum.</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Normal</u>
				25 Jul 01 Aug	01 Aug 02 Aug	01 Jan 02 Aug	Aug	Jan-Aug
Northwest								
Albuquerque	75.6	90	62	1.11	0.00	4.82	1.64	6.06
Chama	64.4	82	50	2.13	0.29	12.56	2.82	13.90
Farmington	74.6	92	60	1.06	0.80	5.91	1.05	5.36
Gallup	69.4	86	55	1.58	0.19	6.55	2.26	8.36
Grants	69.7	88	53	1.82	0.06	6.09	2.16	6.95
Johnson Ranch	70.1	86	56	2.10	0.00	6.95	2.29	7.72
Los Alamos	67.6	81	55	0.28	0.00	9.67	3.52	13.18
Red River	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.10	15.03
Santa Fe	71.4	88	54	1.07	0.01	11.18	2.39	10.03
Northeast								
Capulin	71.4	90	53	0.09	0.01	9.26	2.56	13.08
Clayton	77.9	96	63	0.00	0.00	12.35	2.61	11.61
Clovis	75.7	93	62	0.00	0.00	6.42	3.17	12.74
Las Vegas	67.6	83	53	0.24	0.03	7.59	4.27	13.87
Moriarty	68.1	86	54	1.61	0.11	7.73	2.69	9.06
Raton	72.9	92	56	1.33	0.00	13.32	3.21	13.03
Roy	71.8	88	52	0.27	0.00	9.73	2.81	11.84
Tucumcari	77.9	94	63	0.70	0.00	8.50	2.41	10.98
Southwest								
Animas	77.1	92	63	1.92	1.35	6.82	2.34	7.08
Deming	77.0	93	64	0.98	0.00	7.16	2.05	6.48
Gran Quivira	68.7	84	55	2.37	1.72	11.88	3.27	10.79
Quemado	67.1	85	52	0.36	0.00	4.17	3.12	9.68
Socorro	77.1	93	63	0.12	0.00	2.08	1.90	5.84
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Southeast								
Alamogordo	78.0	91	63	0.00	0.00	9.73	2.41	7.92
Carlsbad	78.2	94	63	1.01	0.00	11.28	2.25	7.99
Carriazo	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.69	8.24
Las Cruces	77.2	91	64	3.40	0.00	10.49	2.29	5.92
Roswell	73.9	91	59	0.20	0.00	9.27	2.03	8.77
Ruidoso	66.1	79	51	1.33	0.00	12.89	4.04	15.03
Tatum	76.0	93	60	0.54	0.00	8.35	2.48	11.17

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.